

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 18291US01

In re

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Patent Application of

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Colin Fong

Application No. 10/776,145

Lawrence M. Jarvis (Reg. No. 27,341)

Confirmation No.: 3110

/Lawrence M. Jarvis/
Signature

Group Art Unit: 3714

Filed: February 10, 2004

Examiner: Emmanuel Omotosho

"A Gaming Machine for Use in a System with a
Common Bonus"

PETITION TO WITHDRAW ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Notice of Abandonment mailed on October 1, 2008. Applicant contends that the above-identified application is mistakenly abandoned by the USPTO. Applicant respectfully petitions to withdraw holding of abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 in view the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 3 of the paper.

Appendix I, including a copy of Power of Attorney by Assignee of Entire Interest, Revocation of Prior Powers, and Change of Correspondence Address filed on October 24, 2007, as filed and appeared on PAIR, begins on page 5 of the paper.

Appendix II, including a copy of pages 1 and 22 of the response as filed and appeared on PAIR, and the Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt dated December 17, 2007, begins on page 9 of the paper.

Appendix III, including a copy of the front page of the Final Rejection mailed on March 20, 2008 as appeared on PAIR, and of the front page of the Notice of Abandonment mailed on March 20, 2008 as appeared on PAIR, both to the office of Greenberg Traurig LLP, begins on page 13 of the paper.

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Notice of Abandonment mailed on October 1, 2008. Applicant contends that the above-identified application is mistakenly abandoned by the USPTO.

Applicant had timely submitted a Power of Attorney by Assignee of Entire Interest, Revocation of Prior Powers, and Change of Correspondence Address on October 24, 2007, copies of which, as appeared in PAIR, are attached.

Thereafter, Applicant had also timely submitted a full response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to reply to the non-Final Office Action mailed on July 3, 2007, and had petitioned for a three-month extension with authorization to charge McAndrews, Held, and Malloy, Ltd's ("MHM") 13-0017 account for the corresponding extension fee on December 17, 2007. A copy of pages 1 and 22 of the response as filed and appeared on PAIR, and the Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt dated December 17, 2007 are also attached.

A Final Rejection was mailed on March 20, 2008 to the office of Greenberg Traurig LLP (LA), whose power has been revoked as indicated in the Revocation of Prior Powers. A copy of the front page of the Final Rejection is attached.

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 1, 2008 to office of Greenberg Traurig LLP (LA), whose power has been revoked as indicated in the Revocation of Prior Powers. A copy of the front page of the Notice of Abandonment is attached.

In short, Applicant never received the Final Rejection and Notice of Abandonment from the USPTO. As such, Applicant was never given time to respond to the Final Rejection.

In view of the above remarks and support, Applicant respectfully submits that the above-identified application is mistakenly abandoned by the USPTO. Applicant hereby petitions to withdraw holding of abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, and requests a reissuance of the Office Action mailed on March 20, 2008.

CONCLUSION

Based on at least the foregoing, Applicant believes that the above-identified application is mistakenly abandoned by the USPTO, petitions to withdraw holding of abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, and requests a reissuance of the Office Action mailed on March 20, 2008. If the Examiner disagrees, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone interview, and requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned during normal office hours.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 1, 2008

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Appendix I

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notes/comments:

I hereby certify that the attached Power of Attorney by Assignee of Entire Interest, Revocation of Prior Powers and Change of Correspondence Address is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 24, 2007.


Christopher N. George
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In the Application of:

Colin Fong

Serial No.: 10/776,145

Filed: February 10, 2004

For: GAMING MACHINE FOR USE IN A
SYSTEM WITH A COMMON BONUS
FEATURE

Group Art Unit: 3713

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE OF
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AND CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney (copy enclosed) dated September 21, 2007, we enclose a Power of Attorney by Assignee of Entire Interest, Revocation of Prior Powers and Change of Correspondence Address, and an Assignee Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) to correct an error in the application serial number. While the Applicant has granted the undersigned Power of Attorney for Application No. 10/776,145, the USPTO mistakenly granted Power of Attorney in Application No. 10/771,145.

FROM McANDREWS, HELD, & MALLOY


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The Applicant respectfully requests that Power of Attorney be granted to Customer No. 23446 in Application No. 10/776,145 and removed in 10/771,145 for which neither Applicant nor Applicant's attorneys have any responsibility.

Please charge any required fees or credit any overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd. Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 10/24/07


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FROM McANDREWS, HELD, & MALLOY

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We, Aristocrat Technologies Australia Pty., Ltd., are the assignee of record in the patent and patent applications listed on the attached as Exhibit A. All the patent applications and the patent listed are being transferred to McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd. As assignee of record of the entire interest of the identified patent applications, we hereby revoke all powers of attorney previously given in the patent and patent applications, and appoint the U.S. attorneys and/or agents of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd. (Chicago, IL),

Customer No. 23,448.

to prosecute the patent and patent applications and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Please send correspondence and direct telephone calls to the following:

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ASSIGNEE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)

We hereby state that we are the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent and patent applications listed in the attached Exhibit A.

17/5/07
Date

[Signature]
Signature

KIERAN POWER
(type or print name of person
authorized to sign on behalf of
assignee)

GLOBAL PATENT COUNSEL
Title

NOTE: The assignee of the entire interest may revoke previous powers and be represented by an attorney of his or her selection. 37 C.F.R. §1.36.

Appendix II

Serial No. 10/776,145

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Colin Fong)	Examiner: Emmanuel Omotosho
Serial No. : 10/776,145)	Group Art Unit: 3714
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner Omotosho:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on July 10, 2007. This Amendment is considered timely because it is being submitted with a request for a three-month extension of time to extend the 3-month period for response until January 10, 2007. Please enter and consider the following amendment and remarks.

Serial No. 10/776,145

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicant at the number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the Deposit Account of MHM, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 17, 2007

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Customer Number:	33717
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Attorney Docket Number:	75144-011900
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Claims			2	13	
Applicant Arguments/Remarks Made in an Amendment			14	22	
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Petition to withdraw Notice Of Abandonment mailed on October 1, 2008

Appendix III



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